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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Wolfgang Dickenscheid et al.
Appl. No. : 10/609,464
Filed : June 27, 2003
Title : Method for Characterizing and Simulating a Chemical Mechanical Polishing Process

LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on June 27, 2003 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration.

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 602 (8th ed., Aug. 2001).

Please note that there are two address changes in the declaration, both initialed and dated by the inventors. Second joint inventor Frank Meyer's new address is as follows:

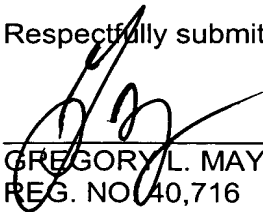
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The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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